

REMARKS

The present Preliminary Amendment is submitted to replace the title used in the International Application, cancel original claims 1-6, and add new claims 7-14, thereby incorporating the changes made in the International Application.

Further, the specification and abstract have been amended in order to correct minor errors in the English translation of the Japanese specification. The changes to the abstract are submitted in the form of a substitute abstract. A copy of the abstract with changes marked therein is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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ABSTRACT

There is provided such an electronic apparatus for reading a digital data stream including a video signal and/or an audio signal outputted from an external apparatus, according to a clock different from a clock for the data stream, and for outputting the video signal and/or audio signal without causing any discontinuity. The electronic apparatus according to the present invention includes a communication section for requesting an external apparatus to transmit a digital data stream including a video signal and/or an audio signal which are continuous relative to a time axis, and for receiving the digital data stream transmitted in response to the request, a sample rate converter for rate converting a received video signal and/or audio signal, and an output section for outputting the video signal and/or audio signal which are rate converted and demodulated into a continuous signal.

The sample rate converter changes a number of samples to be outputted in the case that a predetermined volume of the video signal and/or audio signal is rate converted according to a constant sampling clock and outputted, based on (a) time information and/or data volume of the video signal and/or audio signal processed or outputted by the electronic apparatus, and (b) time information and/or data volume of the video signal and/or audio signal, which are transmitted from the external apparatus or transmittable from the external apparatus to the electronic apparatus.